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**SENATOR ALLARD PAYS TRIBUTE
TO DENVER DETECTIVE DONNIE YOUNG
AND ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
WHO PROTECT OUR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) on Friday paid tribute in the Senate to Detective Donald R. “Donnie” Young of Denver, Colorado and other officers like him who have given their lives in service, and spoke in praise of “all law enforcement officers who protect our families and communities against crime during National Police Week 2005.”

The text of the Senator’s statement, which will be published in the Congressional Record, continues:

“Communities readily rely on law enforcement officers to answer the call in times of great need. These men and women serve to enforce not only our laws, but to defend the weakest and most vulnerable among us. I think it is suitable that we salute and recognize the dedication of these heroes with a National Police Week.

“Detective Donald R. “Donnie” Young was a shot and killed in Denver, Colorado on May 8, 2005. He was working off duty at the time, providing security detail at a baptismal event. Detective Young was a 12-year veteran of the Denver Police Department. He leaves behind a wife and two young daughters.

“Along with Detective Donald R. Young, I ask that we pay homage to all our fallen heroes. Law enforcement officers knowingly put themselves in harm’s way every day. It is important to take this time to remember their service. We must acknowledge their efforts as some of the bravest among us and share our gratitude for their sacrifice with their families.

“I rise to humbly pay my respect to law enforcement officers everywhere and honor the legacy that fallen officers leave behind.”

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